

Destination 2030

The 2004 Regional Transportation Plan

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In April of 2004, the Regional Council of SCAG adopted a multi-billion dollar plan outlining an integrated set of public policies, strategies and investments to maintain, expand, manage and improve the region's transportation system. That plan is called *Destination 2030*

Southern California's Long-Range Transportation Plan

Destination 2030, the Southern California Association of Governments' 2004 Regional Transportation Plan, presents an assessment of the overall growth and economic trends for the SCAG Region over the next two decades and provides strategic direction for transportation investments during that period. It is a catalyst for linking various transportation agency investments within the SCAG Region to provide a cohesive, balanced and multi-modal transportation system that meets mobility, air quality, and other regional goals within feasible financial constraints.

A Collaborative Effort

With a plan that impacts the efficient movement of people and goods across six counties and 187 cities, input and consensus are the operative words. Consistent with previous plans, the *Destination 2030* planning process called on the knowledge, insights and opinions of a host of stakeholders. Guiding SCAG staff through development were numerous task forces, local governments and subregions, county transportation commissions, Caltrans, state and federal agencies, environmental and business communities, tribal governments, non-profit groups and the general public.

It Must Measure Up

Destination 2030 is a critical document for the region to qualify for future federal, state and local funding of projects. To satisfy mandates and present the best possible recommendations for investments, numerous transportation alternatives were evaluated based on performance measures such as mobility, accessibility, reliability, safety, cost-effectiveness, and air quality impact. To assure that implementation does not result in disproportionate adverse impacts on low-income, minority, elderly or disabled populations, the plan also underwent a thorough environmental justice analysis.

Growth Visioning Support

Southern California Compass, the major two-year growth visioning project that kicked off in early 2003, provided much of the strategic direction in *Destination 2030* development. With so much on the line in a time of budget cutbacks, economic uncertainty, and controversial options, the thoughts and opinions of residents and stakeholders from across the region were invaluable in steering us toward our desired destination.

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